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MUSTER CALL

date: Thursday
12 May 1988
time: 6:15 p.m. Mess Call
place: Wyatt's Cafeteria

Members, their families and guests are asked to join us for our regular monthly meeting for May. Our program this month will be a special video presentation on the "Battle of Shiloh". Included with this video will be pictures from the 125th Reenactment of this battle last spring in which the Battery participated. We enjoy a good meal, fine Southern fellowship, some camp business, and a fine program on some aspect of the South or the Confederacy. Why not join us? You will be glad you did!

.. [BIRTHS] ..

A NEW CONFEDERATE

Congratulations are due Commander Rodney and Patsy Leist on the birth of their new son, JASON, who was born 15 April at Seton Hospital. He weighed in at 9 lbs. 14 oz. Jason and Patsy are both doing fine. Word is Rodney plans for Jason to be a relic hunter and commander of Camp #59.

ENLISTMENTS

At the Battle of Pleasant Hill, we renewed our acquaintance with BILL BARR who is a Charter Member of the reactivated Camp #59. A couple of years ago, he transferred to the Johnston Camp #67 in Houston and now desires to renew his membership in #59 by becoming a Dual Member. He was so accepted at the April meeting. Welcome back, Bill.

WARREN LYNN joins the SCV upon the record of his Great Great Grandfather George Wesley Haley who was Capt., Co. C, 2nd Frontier District and 1st Lt. Co. K, First Reg't., 2nd Brig., Texas State Troops. He served until 17 May 1864. Warren was born 14 November at San Antonio. His address is 6705 Rustling Oaks Trail 78759, #258-0712. Welcome to the Camp.





STATES OF THE CONFEDERACY:

TENNESSEE

Tennessee was sharply divided by secession and the War Between the States. The division occurred largely on regional lines. East Tennessee stood by the Union; Central and West Tennessee favored the Confederacy. Tennessee voters had favored Constitutional Unionist candidate John Bell in the 1860 election. In January 1861 they rejected secession 4-1 and said no to a legislative call for a convention.

After Ft. Sumter Gov. Isham Harris had the legislature approve military liaison with the Confederacy. In June the voters upheld the act. East Tennesseans tried to leave the state but Confederate occupancy there halted the move.

Federal successes forced abandonment of the capital, and Lincoln installed Andrew Johnson as military governor with instructions to restore Tennessee to the Union. However Confederate military control long remained in pro-Union East Tennessee where more men gathered around the Stars and Stripes than the Stars and Bars.

Federals captured Chattanooga in Sept. 1863. Confederates held them there until the Battle of Missionary Ridge 25 Nov. 1863. Most Southern forces were driven out of the state except irregulars and raiding cavalry.

War caused great suffering in the state. Long campaigns, marches of the armies, Federal foraging, and guerrilla activity caused destruction and distress. Brother often opposed brother and family against family. Casualties were high. After the war, Tenn. early ratified the 13th Amendment trying to put all the travail behind them.

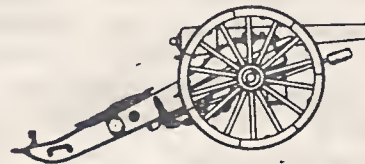


November 30, 1864

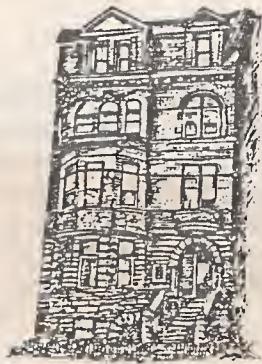
FRANKLIN MEMORIAL

On 30 November 1864 Confederates battled Federals in Franklin, Tenn. In this short, hard-fought battle, 6200 casualties were suffered by the Army of Tennessee. Six Confederate Generals--Patrick R. Cleburne, States Rights Gist, John C. Carter, O. F. Strahl, Hiram B. Granbury and John Adams--were among them. Five died on the field; another died later.

No monument commemorates these men. The Franklin Memorial Assoc. is trying to remedy this oversight by commissioning a bust of each CS General killed at Franklin to go into the Carter House Museum. Funds are needed. Mail your donations to Franklin Memorial Assoc., P.O. Box 1641, Murreesboro, Tenn. 37133.



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CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL HALL

At the April camp meeting, we voted to become a member of the Confederate Memorial Assoc. by donating \$25. The association is dedicated to the preservation of Confederate Memorial Hall, the only Confederate shrine in the nation's capital, and Southern culture. The Hall is just 8 blocks from the White House; it is a Victorian mansion listed as a Category 1 landmark on the National Register of Historic Places.

Originally the mansion was used as a home for Confederate Veterans. In 1919 it was converted into a convention hall, library and museum. It is frequently the site for meetings of the SCV, UDC and C of C. Support for the Hall comes from private subscriptions and dues. It is often referred to as the "Confederate Embassy" hosting Balls, receptions, and educational programs.

In return for joining, we will receive a quarterly newsletter, invitations to Hall events, a 10% discount on items purchased from the Gift Shop and the use of the Hall, library and museum when visiting D.C.



Confederate veterans pose (circa 1907) before Confederate Memorial Hall in Washington, D.C.

While we are mentioning places deserving of our individual help, let us mention one we called to your attention before--Confederate Memorial Hall, New Orleans, La. A unique collection of memorabilia is deteriorating due to the lack of air conditioning, heating and humidity control. As the present system is beyond repair, they urgently need money. Tax deductible contributions may be made to Confederate Memorial Hall, 929 Camp St., New Orleans, Louisiana. I visited this place last summer, and it well deserves your consideration.



Confederate Memorial Hall
929 Camp St.
New Orleans, Louisiana.

HAVE A DRINK, PAT?

A daring stratagem to imbibe in John Barleycorn was attributed to an Irishman of the 2nd Tenn. Vols. The colonel of his outfit saw Pat elevate his gun and take a long pull at the muzzle one day. He called out, "Pat, what have you got in your gun?"

Pat answered, "Colonel, I was looking in the barrel of my gun to see whether she was clean." And after the unwary officer walked on, the Irishman completed draining his gun barrel of the whiskey thus smuggled in from a near-by town.



CONFEDERATE GRAVE PROJECT

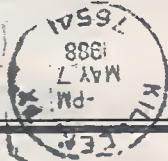
J. L. Bryan, Cabell, Camp #1313 Dallas, of Solis/Bryan Researches, P. O. Box 1827, Quinlan, Tx. 75474 announces a project to locate and record the graves of Confederate Veterans in Texas to culminate in a publication of 3 or 4 volumes.

The minimum information they require of each veteran is a surname and county interred; however, they prefer a full name, unit, highest rank attained, birth and death dates, cemetery and county interred. Additional information will be published, i.e. genealogical, biographical, and military.

Submissions do not need to be ancestors only. Any Confederate Veterans grave information is solicited.

A NEW JOURNAL

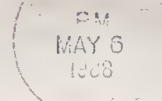
Compatriot Dr. John McGlone, Camp #33, Murfreesboro, has informed us he will be editing the new "Journal of Confederate History", a quarterly devoted to scholarly articles on the WB TS--militarily, politically, socially and economically. It will explore previously unpublished materials, photos and facts that seek to give a clear insight into many aspects of the Confederacy. The cost is \$12 per quarterly volume. You may subscribe by sending your name, address, and \$12 to: Journal of Confederate History, The Guild Bindery Press, Box 2071, Lakeway Station, Paris, Tenn. 38242.



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